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CLINT HURDLE, Kansas City Royals outfielder, who came into baseball as a much-ballyhooed phenom: "If I'd done everything I was supposed to, I would be leading the league in home runs, have the highest batting average, have given \$1,000 to the cancer fund and have married Marie Osmond."

GEORGE RAVELING, Washington State, one of the few blacks coaching a major college basketball team: "When the athletic director said I should recruit more whites to keep the folks in Pullman happy, I signed Rufus White and Willie White."

LEON WANDEL, Belgian basketball official, in response to criticism from Soviet Basketball Coach Aleksandr Gomelsky at the Olympics: "Mr. Gomelsky can say what he wants. It's a free country."

LYNN WHEELER, after resigning as the coach of Iowa State's women's basketball team, which finished the season with 14 straight defeats: "I've taken this team as far as I can."

JOHN MACKEY, former Baltimore Colt tight end, lamenting the absence of a black head coach in the NFL: "I look at all the coaches in the game today, and I think to myself there's no reason why a black coach can't lose, too."

GERRY CHEEVERS, the goaltender-turned-coach of the Boston Bruins, who got off to a 3-9-1 start in the 1980-81 season: "Hockey was my life. This could be death after life."

CHICO RESCH, New York Islanders' louchacious goaltender: "If I wasn't talking, I wouldn't know what to say."

WILLIE STARCELL, the Pittsburgh Pirates' 40-year-old first baseman, explaining why he didn't become a free agent: "You pull up an old tree from the ground and move it, say, to California. Well, you can damage the roots."

HARRY NEALE, coach of the Vancouver Canucks: "Last season we couldn't win at home, and this season we can't win on the road. My failure as a coach is that I can't think of anyplace else to play."

ART DONOVAN, former 310-pound Colt defensive lineman, describing himself as a light eater: "As soon as it's light, I start to eat."

MCKEY RIVERS, Texas Ranger outfielder, explaining why he opposed an early-season player's strike: "There are more games in the second half than the first."

JOHN McMULLEN, Houston Astro owner and former limited partner of Yankee boss George Steinbrenner: "Nothing's more limited than being a limited partner of George's."

JOE NIEKRO, 21-game winner for the Astros in 1979, asked how he expected to pitch in '80: "Right-handed."

KEN STABLER, Houston Oiler quarterback, on his life-style: "There's nothing wrong with reading the game plan by the light of the jukebox."

LARRY KENNAN, Lamar University football coach, after Baylor attempted an on-side kick with eight seconds left and a 42-7 lead: "Maybe they were afraid we'd

run it back all the way, then line up and go for 30 points."

JEAN CRUGUET, the French-born jockey: "When I first came here I worked the Florida tracks. It's hard to learn English when everybody is speaking Spanish."

BUM PHILLIPS, Oiler coach: "Earl Campbell ain't like those high-priced, spoiled athletes. Why, he had me over to his office the other day just like one of the guys."

BILLY TUBBS, the Oklahoma basketball coach: "This year we plan to run and shoot. Next season we hope to run and score."

GEORGE ARCHER, professional golfer, reflecting on what his sport means to him: "If it weren't for golf, I'd probably be a caddy today."

CESAR GERONIMO, Cincinnati Reds outfielder, on becoming Nolan Ryan's 3,000th strikeout victim, as he had been Boo Gossom's 3,000th in 1974: "I was just in the right place at the right time."

RAY MANSFIELD, the former Pittsburgh Steeler center, at a roast for Linebacker Jack Lambert: "I taught Jack a lot—how to be his shoes, how to brush his bangs."

BILL LEE, Montreal Expo southpaw, expounding on the subject of the brain's hemispheres: "You have a left and a right. The left side controls the right half of your body, and the right side controls the left half. Therefore, left-handers are the only people in their right mind."

JIM BAKKEN, former St. Louis Cardinal placekicker, at a dinner roasting 285-pound Guard Bob Young: "For his salad, you just pour vinegar and oil on your lawn and let him graze."

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Imagine what might have been in the last year in sports: a Grand Slam for Bjorn Borg, a 400 season for George Brett, a fourth heavyweight title for Muhammad Ali, a Summer Olympics to match the Winter Games, a barnburner of a Super Bowl. Though none of these great expectations was fulfilled, it is better to have hoped and lost than never to have hoped at all. And that's one of the reasons 1980 was a grand way to start the decade.

Speaking of great expectations—nice segue, no?—many of us have read Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, or seen the movie, or at least gobbled the plot from *Monarch Notes*. We all know that Pip, the protagonist of the novel, was the guy Gehrig replaced, but other than that, what the Dickens does *Great Expectations* have to do with *The Year in Sports*?

Well, one of the lasting images from the book is that of Miss Havisham's cake. To recap, it seems that she was jilted at 8:40 on her nuptial day and forever after kept the wedding cake on a table, without refrigeration.

Think of the sports year as a great cake, tier upon tier of events—of performances and games. All right, the year between the Winter Olympics and Super Bowl XV was not everything it might have been. Now we could, like Miss Havisham, let it collect cobwebs. Or we could savor the good. Here, have a piece:

- Just when we were getting ready to bid them farewell, Jack Nicklaus up and wins the U.S. Open and the PGA to bring his major-tournament victory total to 19, and Chris Evert Lloyd rediscovers her game in time to win her fifth U.S. Open.

- The Philadelphia Phillies, biggest teases in the history of baseball, win their first world championship. At this rate, they'll win their next one in 2077.

- Guard-Forward-Center-Cheerleader Earvin (Magic) Johnson leads the Los Angeles Lakers to victory over the Philadelphia 76ers in the sixth and deciding game of the NBA finals by playing, as SI's John Papanek wrote, "Kareem for a day."

- The Oakland Raiders become the first wild-card team to win the Super Bowl, by beating the Philadelphia Eagles. More surprisingly, Oakland Managing General Partner Al Davis doesn't have a joy buzzer in his hand

as he accepts Commissioner Pete Rozelle's congratulations.

- The New York Islanders win their first Stanley Cup by beating yet another Philadelphia team, the Flyers, four games to two.

- The best money players in sports turn out to be Tom Watson, who won a record \$530,808 on the PGA tour, and Dave Winfield, whose new pinstripe suit could cost Yankee owner George Steinbrenner \$20 million or so over the next 10 years.

- How 'bout them Dawgs? Georgia unleashes the Bulldogs, the best college football team in the country. The Philadelphia German Shepherds successfully defend Veterans Stadium against exuberant Phillie and Eagle fans. And a Siberian husky named Ch. Innisfree's Sierra Ginnar is chosen best-in-show at Westminster.

- How 'bout them horses? Not only does Genuine Risk have the utter audacity to crash the customarily all-male winners' circle of the Kentucky Derby, but she finishes second in the Preakness and Belmont as well. Spectacular Bid ends his spectacular career in the Woodward Stakes with a walkover—the first at a major track since 1949. And Niatross harnesses the major pacing races and all kinds of world records.

- Billy Martin doesn't hit anyone.

- In Montreal Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran give us one of the best welterweight fights in history. Unfortunately, in the rematch for the title, Duran gives us gas.

Great expectations. For sheer ex-

clement, nothing could match the five-set, four-hour and 13-minute victory by John McEnroe over Borg in the U.S. Open, except perhaps the five-set win by Borg over McEnroe at Wimbledon two months before. McEnroe's Flushing Meadow triumph denied Borg a chance at the Grand Slam, but together they promised one of the great tennis rivalries of all time.

Brett came within five hits of becoming the first player since Ted Williams in 1941 to bat .400 or better, and in the process he charmed America and enlivened the summer (page 66). Then he took the Royals to the World Series, in which they met the Phillies, who had their own formidable third baseman, Mike Schmidt.

Nothing was quite so pathetic as the sight of Ali remaining on his stool

when the bell for the 11th round sounded. But in the months before his title fight with Larry Holmes, Ali, who likes to perform magic tricks, made us believe he could win back his title. If only he'd consumed some of the steaks that Duran later gorged himself on.

The Summer Olympics seemed very far away, and not just because they were in Moscow. The U.S. chose not to send a team because of the U.S.S.R.'s invasion of Afghanistan. Still, we should take nothing away from Miruts Yifter of Ethiopia, who won the 5,000 and 10,000 meters, Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba, who got his third Olympic heavyweight title, and the duels between Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett of Great Britain in the 800 and 1,500.

With sadness, and gratitude, we

said goodbye to retirees Gordie Howe, Bobby Hull, Willie McCovey, Dave Cowens and Rocky Bleier. To the other Pittsburgh Steelers, we can only cite Dickens' words: "Accidents will occur in the best regulated families."

But we also said hello to Hana Mandlikova, Joe Charboneau, Alberto Salazar, Beth Daniel, Herschel Walker and Rod Martin. And let's not forget Freedom, Darrell Griffith, the Cosmos, Johnny Rutherford or Jacqueline Gareau, who was momentarily robbed of her glory at the Boston Marathon by the imposter, Rosie Ruiz.

All things considered, it was a wonderful year. And on top of the cake, we might put what Dickens wrote in *David Copperfield*: "Ride on!—rough-shod if need be, smooth-shod if that will do, but ride on! Ride on over all obstacles, and win the race!"

—STEVE WOLF



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The Campbell is coming, but good. Earl led the NFL with 1,934 yards rushing.





SO OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

New faces—and new facelifts—were popping up all over. Especially those of quarterbacks. Cut by San Francisco two seasons earlier, Jim Plunkett took over a 2-3 Oakland team on Oct. 12 and led it to a 27-10 victory over Philadelphia in the Super Bowl. Born-again Steve Bartkowski made Atlanta the scourge of the NFC West. Danny White replaced the retired Roger Staubach and carried the Cowboys into the NFC finals. Coming into full bloom, Brian Sipe of Cleveland, Tommy Kramer of Minnesota and Vince Ferragamo of Los Angeles were also playoff performers. And Running Back Chuck Muncie was just a step behind. Once left for dead in New Orleans, in San Diego he gave the pass-oriented Chargers a ground threat—and they won the AFC West title.



Pipin! Billy Sims got the Lions off to their best start (4-0) since 1956 and scored 18 touchdowns.





Atlanta's swarming defense was the toughest in the NFC West.



Muncie's 4.7 yards per carry was second only to Campbell's 5.2 in the AFC.



With White dealing in a wild-card game, Dallas decked L.A. 34-13 to avenge an earlier Ram rout.





On an arctic day in Cleveland (the wind-chill factor was 37 below), Plunkett passed for 149 yards as the Raiders roared on toward New Orleans.



A stalwart for the balanced, much-improved Browns, unheralded Mike Pruitt averaged 4.2 yards a carry and gained 1,034, third among AFC runners. Burgeoning Buffalo vaulted from fourth to first in the AFC East as Orlin Mobley ambled in from Auburn and became No. 2 AFC rusher, with 1,165 yards.





In Dallas' wild-card win, Tony Dorsett scooted for 160 yards.



San Diego's dangerous Dan Fouts passed for a record 4,715 yards.

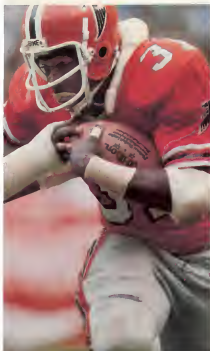


Montgomery, here motoring against Dallas, revved up the Eagles' rushing.





Route's top target, John Jefferson, led all receivers in yards (1,340) and touchdowns (13), but Oakland held him to four catches, no TDs in the playoffs.



King held onto Plunkett's 19 yard pass. Result: 80-yard Super Bowl TD.

Saint Don Reese found the Falcons' 1,000-yard man, William Andrews, tough to get a grip on.

LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND ENMITY

Parity was what Commissioner Pete Rozelle wanted, and parity was what he got. By giving the teams with the best records the toughest schedules and the weakest teams the easiest schedules, Rozelle produced generally balanced standings: the winners and runners-up in two divisions had the same records; six teams were 11-5 and three were 12-4; champions fell and also-rans surfaced. While four-time Super Bowl winner Pittsburgh failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 1972, Oakland became the first wild-card team ever to go all the way. In other surprising developments, AFC Rookie of the Year Joe Cribbs led East champion Buffalo to its best record (11-5) in 14 years, and another running back, NFL Rookie of the Year Billy Sims, helped Detroit attain its first .500 record since 1975.

Among the most equal of the equals were the Minnesota Vikings, who won the NFC Central title, clinching it with a week to go by beating Cleveland 28-23 on a 46-yard Hall of Fame pass from Tommy Kramer to Ahmad Rashad as time expired. Climaxing a five-year drive under Coach Dick Vermeil, Philadelphia won the NFC championship, whipping Dallas 20-7 behind the running of Wilbert Montgomery, who gained 194 yards. Less equal were the New York Jets, who went 4-12 after being picked to make the playoffs. And no amount of favorable scheduling could help the inept New Orleans Saints, who won one game all year.

Nor did the end of the season follow a Rozellean script. The commissioner's Super Bowl favorites were plainly the well-scrubbed, curfew-observing Eagles, who had twice-a-day practices the week before the game. By contrast, the commissioner could find no beastlier bunch of *bêtes noires* than the Raiders, whose managing general partner, Al Davis, had activated a suit against the NFL, claiming the right to move his team to Los Angeles, and had accused Rozelle of involvement in a ticket-scalping scheme, which Rozelle emphatically denied. Yet Oakland won handily as its offensive line limited the Eagles to one sack, Jim Plunkett completed 13 of 21 passes and Linebacker Rod Martin intercepted three throws by Ron Jaworski, the NFL's leading passer. ■

Oakland's Lester (Stickum) Hayes had five postseason interceptions



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AND AT LAST THE DAWGS HAD THEIR DAY

Georgia's luck surely had to run out. In the opening game Quarterback Buck Belue fumbled three times, but the Bulldogs got past Tennessee 16-15. Against Clemson they were outgained 239-33 at the half but led 14-10. South Carolina might have beaten them had Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers not fumbled on the Dogs' 17. Now Georgia was trailing Florida 21-20 with 1:32 left and facing a third-and-11 on its own seven. Belue rolled out unsteadily but hit Split End Lindsay Scott at the 26. First down? Much more. A Gator defender slipped, and Scott ran 74 yards for the winning touchdown. When Notre Dame was tied 3-3 by Georgia Tech on the same day, Georgia rose to No. 1 position in the polls—and remained there by the skin of its teeth.

Oklahoma's Steve Rhodes, in an Orange Bowl squeeze here, later grabbed the TD pass that, with a two point conversion, beat Florida State 18-17



End of the year was that
peach of a running back,
burriner Herschel Walker



Michigan stopped Flanker Anthony Allen and Washington 23-6 to give Bo Schembechler his first Rose Bowl win in six tries

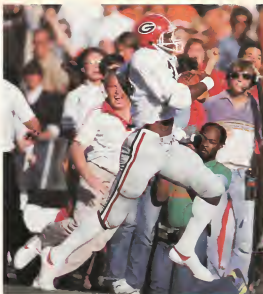


One of four unbeaten teams to lose on a single November Saturday, Baylor—and Jay Jeffrey—were felled 30-22 by San Jose State.



Bears Linebacker Mike Singletary (above) had an All-America style and stance. Buckeye Calvin Murray ran away from Syracuse





The play of the year: Scott turned a 19-yard pass into a 93-yard gammer as Georgia beat Florida.



Though star runner Sam Plett (23) separated his shoulder on this first-half play, Florida State got past old tormentor Florida 17-13.

FOR GEORGIA THE SUGAR BOWL WAS SWEET

Hugh Green was the nation's No. 1 defender, but Pitt finished No. 2



Never mind that Georgia's wondrous Herschel Walker set an NCAA freshman rushing record of 1,616 yards and finished third behind South Carolina's George Rogers (1,781 yards) in the Heisman balloting. And never mind that Rogers finished his college career with the fourth-highest rushing-yardage total ever (4,958). Overall, the emphasis was on passing. Purdue's Mark Herrmann set an NCAA career record by throwing for 9,188 yards, Brigham Young averaged an unprecedented 41.5 passes a game, and BYU Quarterback Jim McMahon set a single-season record by throwing for 4,571 yards.

So what was Georgia—a team with an erratic quarterback and a one-man rushing offense—doing at the top of the polls? Many teams looked better. Trouble was, the other unbeaten teams kept losing. The theme song could have been the rock group Queen's *Another One Bites the Dust*. On one Saturday second-ranked Ohio State and third-ranked Nebraska lost, and a few weeks later Alabama, UCLA, North Carolina and Baylor fell on the same day. By season's end only 11-0 Georgia had a perfect record. The Bulldogs' rivals clung to one last hope: that Notre Dame would whip Georgia in the Sugar Bowl and promote either Florida State or Pitt—each beaten once—to No. 1.

Georgia's offense did everything possible to cooperate. True, Walker gained 150 yards, but his teammates lost 23 and Quarterback Belue didn't complete a pass until the last two minutes of the game. Meanwhile, Notre Dame ground out a statistical edge in every major category. Every one but points. The Irish set up one touchdown by Walker when their kickoff receivers got their signals crossed, and another by Herschel when Irish Fullback John Sweeney dropped the ball on his own 20. Trailing 17-10 in the closing moments, Notre Dame threw a pass on fourth-and-one, which was intercepted. That was the ball game. But give the Dawgs their due. They neither fumbled nor threw an interception, and they took advantage of every Irish error. Their march to the national title may not have been a thing of beauty, but en route they had a better turnover margin than any other major team—and a better record. ■

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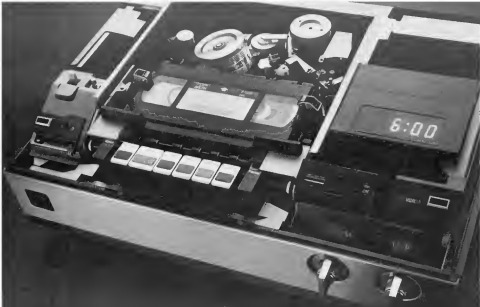


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A ROYAL END TO A LONG PHILLIE DROUGHT

It was an extraordinary season. George Brett made it to the brink of .400 (page 66), all four division titles changed hands, Kansas City won its first pennant, and the Philadelphia Phillies won their first Series—but only after beating Houston in an extraordinary National League playoff, four of the five games going into extra innings. Oh, those Astros. Their season appeared to be over on July 30 when stopper J. Rodney Richard (10–4, 1.89 ERA) suffered a stroke, but they battled Los Angeles to a dead heat in the National League West and then won the division title in a one-game playoff. Earlier, the players and owners had narrowly averted a strike over compensation for teams losing free agents—by postponing a possible showdown until spring 1981. ■



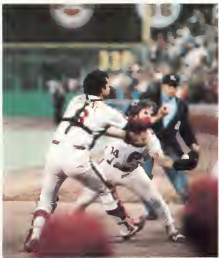
Mike Schmidt was league and Series MVP

The Phillies' high-strung Dallas Green was ejected by Eric Gregg and vilified by his players, but became only the third rookie manager to win a Series





in their fourth attempt, the Royals finally won a pennant from the Yankees; afterward, first year Manager Jim Frey led a long-awaited celebration



The Series' penultimate out: Phillie Catcher Bob Boone bobbled Frank White's pop-up, but the ever-opportunistic Pete Rose was there to catch it



Hot year at the hot corner, despite injuries, Angel Carmey Lansford played 151 games, Yankee Craig Nettles handled everything that came his way except hepatitis—he missed 67 games



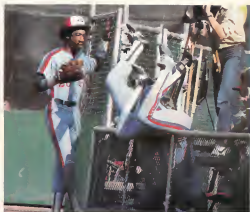


John Castino beat the soph jinx, fielding well and hitting .502 for the Twins. Pirate Bill Madlock also gloved an ump's face while disputing a third strike. The result: a 15-day suspension.





Reggie Jackson hit 500 but was no longer Mr. October



The Expos' Warren Cromartie and Rodney Scott fell just short of a foul fly and a flag





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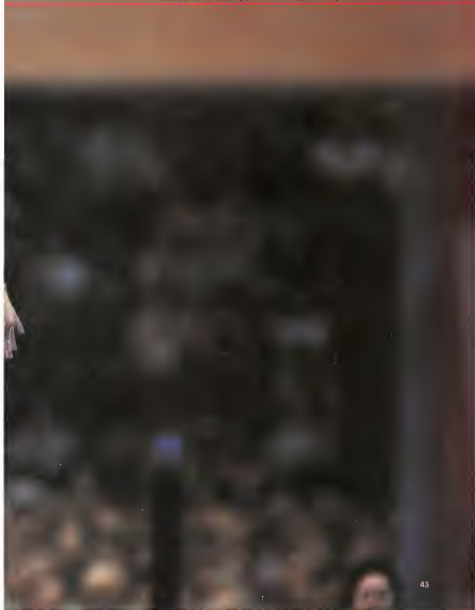
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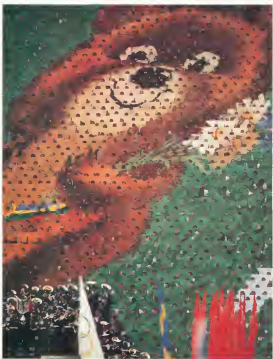




MOSCOW JUST HAD TO GRIN AND BEAR IT

With 62 boycotting nations absent, Moscow's Olympics became largely an Eastern-bloc party, the U.S.S.R. winning 80 of the 205 gold medals and East Germany 47. Some dubious rulings by officials that favored Soviet athletes soured matters further. Nevertheless, there were some first-class performances, notably by the British. In a 24-hour period Allan Wells won the 100, Daley Thompson triumphed in the decathlon and Steve Ovett capitalized on the lateness of countryman Sebastian Coe's finishing kick to upset him in the 800 meters. But in their long-awaited 1,500 encounter, Coe timed his move perfectly and left the favored Ovett far back in third. Afterward, Coe took a powder, his exuberant teammates covering him from head to toe in talk. ■

Misha the mascot put up a brave front in a less than Olympian atmosphere of boycott and protest.



The 800 race went down—and Ovett's fist up.



Lutz Dombrowski of East Germany blew 'em out, becoming the second man to jump 28 feet.



Determined not to repeat the gaffe he made in the 800, Coe began his kick with 100 meters to go in the 1,500 and won in 3:58.4



Marius Yifter won both the 5,000 and 10,000

Greg Louganis earned 16 perfect scores of 10 in the U.S. Olympic Trials.







Posidon's endgame—Swedish star Arvidsson, American champions Meigher and Gaines—could have won races swimming underwater



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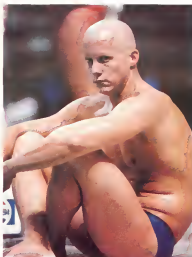
AT HOME, THE U.S. WAS A WORLD-BEATER

Though U.S. swimmers and divers couldn't compete in the 1980 Olympics, their year wasn't wasted. At the NCAA's in Cambridge, Mass., UCLA's Brian Goodell won the 500 and 1,650 freestyles and the 400 individual medley to become the meet's first three-time triple winner. The only others to win three events even once were Mark Spitz and John Naber. At one set of Olympic Trials, the U.S. indoor meet in Austin, Texas, Rowdy Gaines set a world record of 1:49.16 in the 200 free and Greg Louganis established himself as the diver to beat at either the three-meter board or the 10-meter platform. At the other set of Trials, the outdoor meet in Irvine, Calif., Mary T. Meagher set a world record in the 200-butterfly (2:06.37), Craig Beardsley lowered the men's mark to 1:58.46 and Bill Barrett swam the fastest 200 IM (2:03.24) in history. Breaststroke specialist Tracy Caulkins, 17, won seven national titles; she has been the women's high-point winner at every national the last four years.

A freestyle and butterfly expert, Mike Bruner was high-point man at the indoors and outdoors. At 23 Bruner was supposed to be, well, washed up. But before the boycott his old instructor, Bill Rose, had asked him to try for one more Olympics, and Bruner couldn't resist. His astonishing comeback climaxed at the Outdoors when he won the 400 and 1,500 freestyles and placed second to the record-breaking Beardsley in the 200 fly.

Since the Outdoors began two days after the Olympic swimming competition, officials insisted on comparing the Irvine times with those at Moscow. Based on their performances, U.S. swimmers would have led the world with 10 gold, 12 silver and five bronze medals, with Meagher (golds in the 100 and 200 fly), Kim Linehan (golds in the 400 and 800 free), Gaines (gold in the 100 free, silver in the 200) and Bruner (silver in the 400 free and 200 butterfly) earning two apiece. To be sure, comparing times at separate meets is not conclusive. The only world-class winner to swim both for a U.S. team and in the Olympics was Par Arvidsson, a Swede who led California to the NCAA title and won a butterfly gold at Moscow. ■

Bruner was the head man in both the U.S. indoor and outdoor meets



A man with brown hair, smiling, stands on a golf course. He is wearing a red short-sleeved polo shirt and white pleated trousers with a dark belt. He holds a golf club in his right hand and has his left hand on his hip. In the background, there are palm trees and a large, multi-story building.

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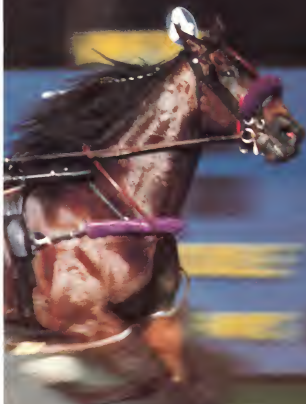
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An unusual year? You might say that. A filly won the Kentucky Derby, a dispute clouded the Preakness, a long shot upset the field in the Belmont, and the most successful horse of all time ended his career with a race that wasn't a race at all. Genuine Risk—so named because owner Bert Firestone purchased her only on the insistence of his 14-year-old son Matthew—became the first filly to win the Derby since Regret in 1915. Risk was in position to challenge in the Preakness, too, but after Codex carried her wide coming out of the turn for home, it was suddenly no contest. Codex steadily pulled away and beat the filly by 4½ lengths. Was it bump and run? Risk's backers and fans at Pimlico thought so, but Codex won both the race and the foul claim. Genuine Risk ran another strong race in the Belmont, but this time 53-to-1 Temperance Hill, a misspelled and unsung colt, surged past her to win by two lengths.

Spectacular Bid, a champion at 2 and 3, was named 1980 Horse of the Year as a 4-year-old. He won his last nine races under Bill Shoemaker and retired to stud with record career earnings of \$2,781,608. Bid won 26 of his 30 races, set eight track records and had the highest winning percentage (87%) of the 25 runners who have earned \$1 million or more. So feared was the son of Bold Bidder that all his rivals dropped out of his last race, the Woodward Stakes, leaving him to race the clock alone. Shoemaker "walked" Bid around the 1½-mile Belmont course in a brisk 2:02½. Actually, Bid was supposed to end his career in the Jockey Club Gold Cup two weeks later, but when his left front ankle acted up, Trainer Bud Delp held him out. The winner was Temperance Hill, later named 3-year-old Colt of the Year. But in one of the sport's strangest seasons, Genuine Risk was the prize jewel of the Triple Crown.

In harness racing, Niatross retired at the age of 3 after earning a record \$2,019,212, winning 37 of 39 races and pacing the fastest mile (1:49½) ever. The sport lost one of its brightest young driving stars when Peter Haughton, 25, who had won \$71 races and purses worth \$6.4 million during a nine-year career, died in a car crash. ■

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Clearing hurdles at Philly's "alternate Olympics."



NCAA long-jump champ Carl Lewis (right) won some dashes, too.



Robinson won a gold medal at the Montreal Games but competed only for himself in 1980.



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Mosaic low, Edwin shall win the 400 hurdles



Decker went all out to break the U.S. women's 1,500 record in Philadelphia. Later she lowered it and excelled in the 3,000, too.

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GREAT BRITONS AND OTHER LUMINARIES

Pentathlete Jane Frederick showed early foot at the Olympic Trials



In middle-distance running two Britons seemed to occupy a universe of their own, even when not performing Olympic feats. In addition to tying Sebastian Coe's 1,500 record of 3:32.1 and later breaking it with a time of 3:31.36, Steve Overt lowered Coe's mile mark from 3:48.95 to 3:48.8 in Oslo. An hour earlier Coe had set a 1,000 record of 2:13.40, thereby becoming the first man to hold the world 800, 1,000, 1,500 and mile records simultaneously. In other notable performances by European athletes, France's Philippe Houillon, the world-record holder for a brief span in July, unofficially became the first vaulter to clear 19 feet, reaching 19' $\frac{1}{4}$ " in an exhibition near Paris; Guido Kratschmer of West Germany set a world decathlon record of 8,649 points; and Gerd Wessig of East Germany leaped 7' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for a world record in the high jump. As the Soviet bloc continued to dominate women's track and field, Tatyana Kazankina of the U.S.S.R. set a world 1,500 record of 3:52.47, an embarrassing 6.96 seconds better than the American mark, and Poland's Grazyna Rabosztyn reduced the 100 hurdles mark by an impressive .12, running it in 12.36 seconds—half a second lower than the U.S. record.

Though virtually every U.S. athlete had trained with the idea of peaking in Moscow, there was a long list of outstanding American performances in lesser meets. Mary Decker ran the fastest mile (4:17.55) and indoor 1,500 (4:00.8) ever by a woman and set U.S. 1,500 (3:59.43) and 3,000 (8:38.73) records. Edwin Moses lowered his world 400 hurdles record to 47.13 seconds, Craig Virgin set a U.S. 10,000 record (27:29.16), and Larry Myricks established a world indoor long-jump record of 27' 6". At the U.S. Olympic Trials, Henry Marsh won a grueling steeplechase in an American record of 8:15.68, while Stephanie Hightower won the 100 hurdles in 12.90 seconds, the second-fastest time ever by an American woman. But nothing was quite as uplifting as the performance of 1968 gold medalist Madeline Manning, who capped a spectacular comeback by winning the 800 in a Trials-record 1:58.30. The night before, unable to sleep, she picked up a Bible and read, "Ye did run well." Spiritually, all the Americans did. ■

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by STEVE WULF

George Brett, imaginary placekicker for the Kansas City Chiefs, stares at the ball teed up on the 20-yard line of the Los Angeles Coliseum field and sizes up the situation. "Ten seconds left in the Super Bowl, and the Chiefs trail by two."

Thus primed, Brett begins his approach, remembering to keep his head down and to follow through (thank you, Charley Lau), and *boom*—or, really, *prfft*— "It's up! It's good! The Chiefs win the Super Bowl!" Brett does a small victory jig.

Unfortunately, only one spectator is in the stands to witness the Chiefs' triumphant moment, and he's a member of the grounds crew. He doesn't think the kick is any good at all. "Hey, get off the field," he shouts, not bothering to ask what a guy in a Kansas City Royals uniform is doing kicking field goals in the Coliseum on a Thursday morning in November. How was he supposed to know that the man down there had won the American League Most Valuable Player

It was Brett's arm, not his bat that derailed Yankee hopes in Game 2 of the American League championship series



award only two days before. All the groundskeeper knew was that the fool was trying to tear up the turf with only two days to go until the USC-UCLA game.

Fun time wasn't over, though. It never is for Brett. He had been brought by limo to the Coliseum so that he could pose for an upcoming soft-drink promotion, and he had transformed the photo session into a laugh-er by turning the tripod around and taking the photographer's picture. Yes, life imitates commercials. Now that the photo session and the Super Bowl are over, Brett gathers up the advertising people and says, "Let's go next door to the hockey movie."

Next door at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, a crew is filming the story of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team for an ABC-TV film. The day before, Brett had been on the set with his buddy, Steve Orladovich, who plays a bartender in the movie, and had struck up a friendship with Mike Erzone, the hockey team's captain and a technical adviser for the film. The following day Brett wangles himself a part in the movie. "I'm going to be a Russian," he says delightedly. When asked if he can speak the language, he replies, "Yeah, Smirnoff and Popov." The movie people tell him to come back after lunch. After eating at Julie's, the Orladovich family restaurant, Brett returns to find that because shooting is behind schedule, he's to play a Finnish hockey player instead. He goes into the locker room as George Brett and comes out as No. 15, a fellow named Leinonen. Brett can skate O.K. for a barefoot boy from Hermosa Beach, and he has a grand time scoring at will from every conceivable angle—into an empty net—and riding other players into the boards. And though he makes \$1 million a year playing for the Royals, he's excited about the actor's scale of \$250 a day. "For contact, I get \$350," he says. He even teaches the movie's star, Andrew Stevens, how to put a pinch between his cheek and gum.

Finally, the time arrives for Brett's scene. He's to lose a face-off in the corner. After three takes of about five seconds each, his acting career is over. He won't win an Emmy, and the movie won't be billed as "George Brett in *Miracle on Ice*," but he has left the arena a happier place.

In the next 48 hours or so, Brett attends a night in his honor at Hollywood Park racetrack, plays golf at the Riviera Country Club and goes to a Los Angeles Laker game as the guest of the owner, Jerry Buss.

That has been his pace ever since the World Series. Between Oct. 14 and Nov. 22 Brett personally showed his Morgan in a Kansas City horse show (finishing fifth in a field of nine), served as one of the commissioners of the Nine Ball World Pro Am tournament in Las Vegas, filmed a TV pilot with comedian

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There's nothing shy about Brett, but on the topic of hitting, he clams up.

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If Brett's off-season seems like a fantasy, well, it's no more improbable than the baseball season he had preceding it. Had Jeane Dixon told Brett back in May, when he was hitting .247, that he'd come within five hits of batting .400 he'd have let out one of those funny little bird laughs of his. But he did just that, evoking memories of Ted Williams, John J. McGraw and Walt Dropo in the process. He also brought a rather painful condition out of the closet and singlehandedly cost the Yankee manager his job while reducing Rich Gossage, the 6' 3", 217-pound New York reliever, to tears.

But before reliving that episode, let's savor Brett's regular-season statistics one more time. His .390 average was the best in the majors since Williams hit .406 in 1941 and nearly the equal of any third baseman's in history, McGraw having hit .391 in 1899 for the Baltimore Orioles, then of the National League.

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Brett, who now makes about \$1 million a year playing for K.C., has two playhouses: this one on Lake Quivira, Kans., another in Rancho Mirage, Calif.



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And with just a touch more luck, Brett would've batted .400. On May 10, for instance, against the Red Sox, he hit three screamers into the gloves of Shortstop Rick Burleson, First Baseman Tony Perez and Rightfielder Dwight Evans. Combine those with an extraordinary catch that A's Centerfielder Dwayne Murphy made against the wall in Kansas City on Sept. 21 and a lined shot that Ken Landreaux, the Minnesota centerfielder, caught on Oct. 5, and Brett would have hit .401.

He drove in 118 runs in 117 games, making him the first player since Dropo, who had 144 RBIs in 136 games for the '50 Red Sox, to average at least one RBI a game. Brett's slugging percentage of .664 was the highest in the majors since Mickey Velez's .687 in 1961. His on-base percentage of .461 led both leagues. He hit a ca-

reer-high 24 home runs and struck out just 22 times, only three more than Baltimore's Rich Dauer, who had the league's fewest strikeouts.

At the All-Star break, Brett was hitting .337. Then he got hot. For the rest of the season he batted .421, putting together a 30-game hitting streak from July 18 to Aug. 18 that pushed his average to more than .400 on Aug. 17. On Aug. 26 in Milwaukee, he went 5 for 5 to raise his average to a season high of .407. As late as Sept. 19 he was above .400. Although he fell off thereafter, nothing's wrong with .390—it's the highest average brought into a World Series since Al Simmons' .390 with the Philadelphia A's in 1931.

Brett missed 44 games because of injuries, which may have helped his average, or hurt it—who knows? He lost nine games with a bruised heel early in the season, 26 with torn ligaments in his right ankle from June 11 until the All-Star break and nine in September because of a tender right hand. When he was out of the lineup, the Royals, a .599 club for the year, were 22-22. As a team, Kansas City hit .286, the highest in the majors since Dropo's 1950 Red Sox, but without Brett the Royals batted .277, which would have been good for only fourth in the league in 1980.

One could spout these figures *ad nauseam*. In fact, Brett was beginning to feel *ad nauseam* himself at the height of his drive for .400 because of all the attention he was getting. Notebooks and microphones and minicams began showing up from all over the country. A George Brett for President campaign began picking up steam just as the real President rather baldly used Brett to attract votes at a town meeting in Independence, Mo. Chuck Barris was sending telegrams offering Brett best wishes. But the fun, and that's all Brett's after, was being gonged out of the game. Brett has been known to show up at the park at 2 p.m. in '96" heat before a night game to throw batting practice left-handed, shag fly balls, take extra grounders, play third base nighthanded and first base lefthanded, all before taking his regular batting practice swings. By late August the baloney was beginning to get to him. Worse, it was interfering with his hearts game in the clubhouse ("You Gotta Have Hearts" is his slogan).

Then the Kansas City publicity department stepped in and started limiting interviews with Brett to one pregame press conference. He began to relax again. The Royals also called up older brother Ken, then 31, on Aug. 29, so the Bretts were united for the first time in their careers. "They called me up to help George with his hitting," said Ken, a pitcher best known for his bat. So, what happened in September?

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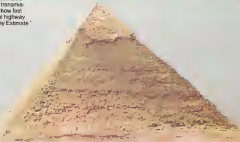
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ball, low and away. "It was a real funky swing," he says. "My hands were trying to pull the ball, and the bat wanted to go to left." Although Brett felt a twinge, he thought nothing of it at the time. But when he awoke the next morning he was in pain, and the Royals decided to rest him until the team got to the West Coast. Cleveland isn't Brett's favorite city—it was there that he'd injured his ankle in June. Examinations by Dr. Lewis Yocum in Los Angeles revealed no breaks, but he did spot tendinitis in his right wrist extensors. Whatever it was, it hurt, and Brett was idle through the next two series, against California and Oakland, stuck at .396. "I just sat there in the dugout, going over the pitchers, imagining myself at the plate," he says. "I was hitting .600 on the bench."

For a while it was feared that Brett might not get the 502 plate appearances he needed to qualify for the batting title—or to have his possible .400 recognized as the average of a full-time player. But on Sept. 17, before a two-night doubleheader with California, he took batting practice for the first time in 11 days. He convinced Frey and K.C. General Manager Joe Burke that he could swing without pain. In the first game the Royals routinely clinched the American League West title without Brett in the lineup; then for the second game, Frey penned in a surprise starter at third. Brett was still a little wary. "Don't expect too much," he said before the game.

Don't expect too much? That was easy for Brett to say, but the press, all of baseball, the nation were eagerly awaiting the first .400 hitter in 39 years.

Don't expect too much? In his first at bat in 10 games, against rookie nighthander Bob Fennis, Brett lined an inside fastball over the second baseman's head. Holding him on first was none other than Rod Carew, the last man with a shot at .400 when he hit .388 in 1977. "I told George something like, 'Way to hit,'" Carew later said. Brett didn't stop to chat; he stole second. Next time up against Fennis, Brett goified a low slider between first and second to raise his average to .39949. This time when he got to first, Brett asked Carew if he'd taken a bad swing. Carew nodded. Brett went hitless the rest of the game, but 2 for 5 hadn't hurt his average at all.

The next evening Brett was recovering from what he called "champagne-itis," contracted at the postgame celebration of the division title the previous night. Brett has a habit of coming back strong after injuries—it was night after sitting out the 26 games with the ankle injury that he began his 30-game hitting streak—so, naturally, he sent Freddie Martinez' second pitch, a fastball down the middle, back through the box for a first-inning hit. The next time up he was

walked on four pitches—boom!—but on his third appearance at the plate he hit an inside fastball from Don Aase over the first baseman's head. He fled out his last time up, but that set up the delicious possibility of re-attaining .400 on precisely his 400th official at bat. That was if he got a hit his next time up.

The next night, against Brian Kingman of Oakland, Brett hit a sacrifice fly in the first inning—neither a hit nor an at bat. Then in the third he hit a Kingman curveball into right for the natural. .400 after 400 at bats. Don't expect too much?

Optimists interpreted this as an indication that destiny was keeping a guiding hand on Brett's bat, but, in fact, .400 after 400 turned out to be the signal that the quest was over. Brett got one more hit in three at bats that night and the next day went 0 for 4, dropping his average to .396. On Sept. 21 he homered his first time up against Mike Norris and then grounded out in his next two at bats. In the eighth inning he hit a long fly ball to center, but Murphy leaped high and caught it. Even then, people realized that Murphy had robbed Brett of more than just a hit. "That was the first time in my life I found myself rooting for someone to get a hit against me," said A's Manager Billy Martin.

Brett started getting impatient, chasing bad pitches. In his next five games, he went 3 for 19 and his average dropped to .384. At the same time the Royals were in the midst of a losing streak that ran to eight games. Frey kept Brett out of the starting lineup in a game against Minnesota on Sept. 28, but sent him up to pinch-hit with the bases loaded in the sixth. Brett homered, and even though the Royals eventually lost that game 8-7, the grand slam seemed to rouse both them and Brett. They closed out the season by winning five of six; during that stretch Brett went 10 for 19 to raise his final average to .390.

Bring on the Yankees. Kansas City won the first game of the playoffs 7-2 and didn't really need Brett's solo homer and double. The Royals didn't need his bat in Game 2—he went hitless in four at bats—but his arm came in handy. Brett likes to make fun of his fielding—one of his ambitions, he says, is to reach 3,000 hits before he makes 3,000 errors—but he's a fine gloveman nevertheless. In the eighth inning with two outs, the Yankees behind 3-2 and New York's Willie Randolph on first, Bob Watson hit a line drive to left. Willie Watson played the carom off the wall, wheeled and fired over the head of the Royal cutoff man, Shortstop U.L. Washington. Brett, though, was behind Washington as the trailer cutoff man. It's a designed play that the Royals practice but that the Yankees knew nothing about.

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Brett took the throw and fired a perfect strike to Catcher Darrell Porter, who tagged out Randolph. Not only did Brett nail the tying run, but he also set off a chain of events that resulted in George Steinbrenner "resigning" Dick Howser. We'll spare you the details.

That brings us to Game 3 and Brett's finest moment of the season. The scene: top of the seventh, Royals down by one, two on, two out, Gossage vs. Brett. On the Goose's first pitch, Brett hits a 450-foot surprise into the upper deck in rightfield. He simply took one of Gossage's monster fastballs and slew it. Later that night the Goose would tearfully rue having thrown the ball over the middle of the plate, but where you throw the ball to Brett hardly matters anymore. Says Charley Lau, Brett's tutor before he became the Yankee's batting coach, "Anytime George comes into Yankee Stadium, he's looking to put it in the porch. I don't care if Gossage were throwing 180 miles an hour, he'd still hit it."

That was the Royals' championship, beating the Yankees after losing playoffs to them in 1976, '77 and '78. The World Series was bound to be a letdown, and it was. The Royals also made the mistake of staying in New York and waiting to see whom they would play—the Phillies or Astros who were locked in a five-game duel in the National League playoffs—rather than flying back to K.C. For one thing, that prolonged their road trip. For another, Brett may have eaten the fatal meal, the one that aggravated his hemorrhoids. In an Italian restaurant in New York.

The World Series wasn't Brett's, but you can't have everything. He made a mental error in the first game that allowed a run to score in the Phillies' 7-6 victory. In Game 2 the pain got to be too much, so he left after getting two singles and a walk in six innings, and the Phillies won again 6-4. Pete Rose went to pat Brett on the rear after his first-inning single, and Brett just said, "Oh, nooo!"

Following surgery in Kansas City on Thursday, Brett was ready to play in Game 3, and proved it with a first-inning homer off Dick Ruthven that started the Royals on their way to a 4-3 victory. The next day Brett was the target of a Dickie Noles fastball as the Royals evened the series 3-3. With K.C. ahead 4-1 in the fourth, two outs and an 0-2 count on Brett, Noles threw one at Brett's chin. Brett went down, and Frey got justifiably hysterical. Brett laughed it off. "If he wasn't trying to hit me, no big deal, and if he was, well, he's 0 for 1," he said.

The lasting image from the fifth game of the Series is also of Brett hitting the dirt, this time diving after a ball Mike Schmidt hit in the ninth inning. With the Royals leading 3-2, Brett was playing shallower than usual

on Schmidt, who twice had bunted down the third-base line during the Series. Schmidt hit a shot to Brett's left that Brett might have gotten had he been playing at normal depth. The next batter, Del Unser, hit a ground double just past First Baseman Willie Aikens to score Schmidt. After Unser was advanced to third, Manny Trillo hit sharply back to the box. The ball deflected off Pitcher Dan Quisenberry to Brett, whose throw was too late to get Trillo as Unser scored the winning run.

There was just nothing that Brett could do to get the Royals over the hump in the Series. In the sixth and final game his two hits went for naught, and the evening belonged to Philadelphia and the guard dogs. For the Series, Brett hit .375, a little under his regular-season average.

As respected and acclaimed as Brett was coming into the 1980 season, it was still something of a mystery how he came to tinkle the toes of .400. In seven seasons he had never batted higher than .333, so his finishing at .390 was a bit like a .270 hitter suddenly jumping to .333. Brett certainly doesn't have any answers, except to say that he was seeing the ball. The person to ask would be Lau, the special hitting instructor of the Royals from 1971 to 1978; his only answer: "Lack of tension."

Before anyone says "Huh?" he should read Lau's recently published batting bible, *The Art of Hitting .300*, a rather modest title, considering that the model for the book's instructional photos is one George Brett. Because Lau created a near-.400 hitter out of a bad Carl Yastrzemski imitation, his role in Brett's success can't be underestimated. His influence can still be seen in the stance of almost every Kansas City player, and it's no accident that the three teams on which he has left his mark, the Orioles, Royals and Yankees, all are among baseball's biggest winners.

In his book, Lau lists his 10 absolutes of good hitting. They are: thou shalt 1) have a balanced, workable stance, 2) make good use of rhythm and movement, 3) shift thy weight from a firm backside to a firm front-side, 4) stride with thy front toe closed, 5) have thy bat in launching position when thy front foot touches down, 6) make a positive, aggressive motion back toward the pitcher, 7) free thy swing of tension, 8) keep thy head down, 9) honor the whole field and 10) hit through the ball.

There's a little more to batting than that, but those are the basics, and Brett goes over them in private litany before every turn at bat. "I run over 'em in my mind—'Stay on the balls of your feet, keep your head down, see the ball, top hand off,'" he says. "I don't

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Lau says many of the mechanics of a good golf swing apply to a good baseball swing, things such as the rhythm, the weight shift, keeping the head down. It may not be a mere coincidence that Brett began playing a lot of golf last year. But most of all his baseball swing recalls yet another sport—tennis, specifically Bjorn Borg's two-handed backhand. Both Borg and Brett release the "top hand" as soon as it is of no more use to their swings. Since the days of Bonehead Merkle, baseball players have been taught to roll the top hand over on the swing. But Lau contends that a batter can't get full extension of his arms if he does that. Says Hal McRae, the Royals' designated hitting philosopher, "Before Charley, most batting coaches would just say, 'See the ball, be aggressive, top hand.' Hell, you could get that advice sitting around the checkerboard or standing on the corner."

The great variable in batting, according to Lau, is tension. The Royals' Rance Mulliniks, for example, has almost a carbon copy of Brett's stance, but he hit .259. Tension can come from a variety of sources: fear, doubt, trouble at home. Even Brett isn't immune, as he showed both early and late in the season. Back in May, he says, "I was too anxious. My hands were too far in front. I wasn't waiting on the ball. I wanted to hit the first pitch so that nobody would notice the batting average being flashed on the scoreboard."

The flip side of tension is concentration. "We all come here with talent," says McRae. "But the stars are the ones who don't have to work at concentrating. The superstars are the ones who are unconscious. They're in a trance. That's what George was in. I've been there, too, but not for as long. You can actually visualize the line drive jumping off your bat when you're still kneeling in the on-deck circle."

Brett doesn't want this generally known, lest he be sent down to the funny-farm system, but he talks to himself when he's at bat: "Sometimes I think the catcher can hear me, but I try not to let him. I'll say, 'I'm hot,' or 'I'm really swinging the bat good,' or 'I'm going to hit this pitcher.' But, hey, that's where it ends. It's not like I'm always having conversations with myself. I mean, I don't go back to my hotel room and say, 'What do you want to watch on TV, George? Oh, I don't know. Johnny Carson looks pretty good tonight.'"

Two other things to know about Brett for the soft-ball league are that he uses a Louisville Slugger T85 (unvarnished, 32 ounces, 34½ inches), a model originally designed for Marv Throneberry, of all people, and that he doesn't wear a batting glove. Almost every player

in baseball wears a batting glove, which is a little odd, because Brett's batting average is 125 points higher than that of baseball as a whole.

Had it happened, .400 couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. But then, in these days of media hysteria, it couldn't have happened to anyone who wasn't as nice as Brett. His temperament was right for handling the pressure, though his goodwill did become a bit frayed for a few weeks. Andy Hassler of the Angels, a friend and former teammate who gives Brett as much trouble as any pitcher in the league, says, "George loves the game, it's that simple. He's out there to have fun. That alleviates a lot of the pressure. The best thing about him is that he doesn't take himself too seriously, not like a lot of superstars."

Take the matter of hemorrhoids at the World Series. Five years ago, one year ago maybe, the club would've said that the player in question had a groin pull or something like that, for fear of embarrassment. Indeed, some writers could scarcely contain their sixth-grade glee ("Preparation H" and "the anals of baseball" were standard phrases in sports copy in October). Brett, too, tried to laugh it off, even though he was in extreme pain. Anyone who saw him writhing on a rubber doughnut in the Royals' dugout during Game 2 knows that. "It hurt," he says. "At one point in the second game I was standing on first, and Hal McRae was up. He kept fouling off pitches. I hurt so bad, I wanted to see him strike out. I actually wanted to see him strike out so I wouldn't have to run anywhere." But after the operation, Brett met the press and said, "My problems are all behind me now."

What's ahead for Brett? Lau says, "You realize, of course, he's only going to get better." Enraptured baseball people are already calling him the best third baseman ever to play the game. How silly? George Brett is only 27 years old.

Obradovich is watching his friend skate around in the uniform of Finland. They've known each other since high school, when Brett was kicking field goals for El Segundo High. Obradovich went on to USC, played wide receiver there, and is now one of the best doubles volleyball players in the world. His friend went on to become the best third baseman in the history of baseball. "You know," says Obradovich, perched on the boards, "he hasn't changed a bit since when I first knew him. All that he's done, and it hasn't affected him at all." As if to prove the point, Brett skates by and flicks the puck between Obradovich's outstretched legs. "You son of a bitch," says Obradovich, and they laugh. Look back on the season that Brett had, and think of the seasons he's going to have, and laugh. ■

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Louisville was fast running out of time. It was the NCAA championship game in Indianapolis and the Cardinals trailed UCLA 50-45 with 6:28 left. Then Louisville's All-America guard, 6' 4" Darrell Griffith, went to work. In a four-minute stretch he made a three-point play, hit a jump shot from the corner, assisted on two baskets and threw in another from the top of the key as Louisville took the lead for good. "We were trying to guard the best player in college basketball," said UCLA Coach Larry Brown. In fact, seven different men had been assigned to him at various times in the semifinal and the final. The only way to succeed, they said, was to prevent Griffith from getting the ball. That proved to be impossible, because he often brought the ball upcourt himself.

DePaul's Aguirre (far left) dominated the season but was just a guy in the crowd during the NCAA's.

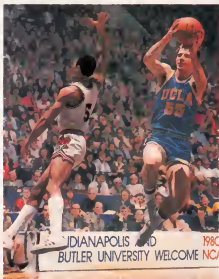




The outstanding player in the Journey, Griffith went up with the best—and never seemed to hurt, as Iowa's Kevin Boyle was one of many to discover



Iowa was 15-1 with the ball-hawking Lester. 8-9 without him.



Kiki Vandeweghe and the Kids were the last team selected for the NCAA.

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The Bruins couldn't quite make No. 1, but Brown got them close



When the NCAA expanded its field for the 1980 tournament from 40 to 48 teams, critics howled. Regular-season games, even conference playoffs, would be rendered meaningless, they said, and just about anyone could qualify for the NCAAs. But as luck would have it, there were so many able teams—and so few dominating ones—that barring any of the 48 might have meant excluding a potential champion. The byword for the season was parity, and no wonder. In recent years scholarships had been reduced from 18 to 15 a team, more high school stars had chosen schools at which they could play immediately instead of big-name colleges where they would be substitutes; new conferences with big arenas and instant TV exposure were springing up; and, most important, stall tactics had been making scores closer. "On any given night we can beat any of the top 50 teams," said Louisville Coach Denny Crum. "On any other night any of them can beat us."

Sure enough, in the second round of the NCAA tournament, top-ranked DePaul and its Player of the Year, Mark Aguirre, were upset 77-71 by UCLA, an unranked team using a 6' 6" center named Slew Sanders. Second-ranked Louisville survived the regionals, but only because little-used Tony Branch beat Kansas State in overtime with a 15-foot jumper. And who joined Louisville in the final four? Why, UCLA, whose 17-9 regular-season record had inspired "Bruins in Ruins" headlines; Iowa, a foundering five whenever Guard Ronnie Lester's bad right knee kept him benched; and Purdue, a so-so team on the occasions Joe Barry Carroll didn't come to play. The 7-foot Carroll was scarcely in evidence when UCLA and its tiny pivotman humbled the Boilermakers 67-62, and Lester wasn't even at courtside—he'd been forced to the locker room by a first-half bruise—when the final buzzer sounded in Iowa's 80-72 loss to Louisville. The championship game finally produced a title-worthy team and a dominant player. Led by Griffith, who scored 23 points, Louisville defeated UCLA 59-54.

Seniors Nancy Lieberman and Inge Nissen were outstanding as Old Dominion beat Tennessee 68-53 for its second straight AIAW title. ■



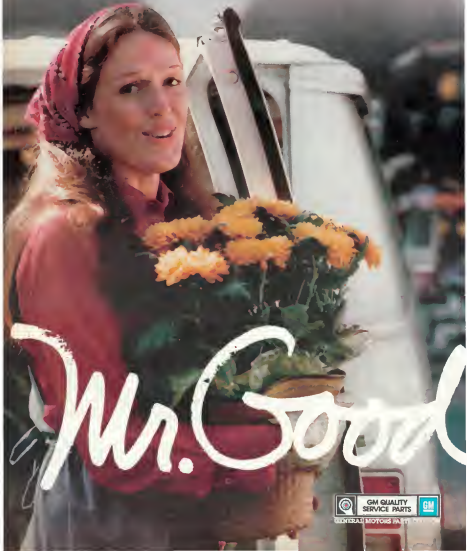
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When it's time for postseason play, even Julius Erving has some new moves. In the championship series against Los Angeles, he drove past Mark Landsberger with a quick step and a dribble, then leaped for a routine stuff. Suddenly Erving saw Kareem Abdul-Jabbar looming above him. Adjusting in midair, the Doctor sailed under the backboard, reached behind his back with his right arm, pumped twice and scooped in a spinning shot. Such spectacular play permeated the entire series. In an extraordinary seven-game set-to, Seattle and Milwaukee were separated by just 28 points, and the visiting team won four times. The victorious SuperSonics were so spent by the effort that the Lakers gobbled 'em up—four games to one—in the Western Conference finals.



Butch Lee and Johnson celebrated the Magic.



The 76ers' Darryl Dawkins could push aside such muscular foes as L.A.'s Landsberger and Jim Chones, but against the very best he was Kareemed.



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Larry Bird's deftness brought Boston from last to first in the Atlantic



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IT WAS A SEASON OF MAGIC MOMENTS

At times it looked less like basketball than some zany new board game. Crazy-Ball, maybe, or Reverse-Ball. Boston, which had the best record in the regular season, was eliminated from the playoffs by Philadelphia, four games to one. The defending champions from Seattle were wiped out by Los Angeles. The 1978-79 champions from Washington were shut out in a first-round mini-series by the 76ers. It was truly a pivotal, out-with-the-old, in-with-the-new season. We saw the last of Dave Cowens, Rick Barry, Pete Maravich, Paul Silas, Jo Jo White, Dave Meyers and, in all probability, Bill Walton, while Earvin (Magic) Johnson and Larry Bird had a greater impact on the league than any newcomers since Bill Russell. What they proved, to all those who had forgotten, was that the terms "flashy" and "team basketball" need not be contradictory.

Rookie of the Year Bird's outside shooting and insight passing helped give the Celtics a 61-21 record, up from 29-53 the season before. But the championship mantle fell to Johnson, who had played on state high school and national collegiate championship teams in two of his previous three seasons. Before the Magic moment, however, familiar war-horses put on quite a show. The championship series began as a duel between L.A.'s Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Philly's Julius Erving. The MVP of the regular season, Abdul-Jabbar beat out the Doctor in points (33.4-25.1 per game) and rebounds (68-35) as the Lakers took a 3-2 lead. In the third quarter of the fifth game, however, Kareem sprained an ankle. He hobbled back to score 14 points in the fourth quarter, including a tie-breaking three-point play with 33 seconds left, and the Lakers won 108-103. But they went to Philadelphia for the sixth game without him. And whom did L.A. have jumping center? Why, the 20-year-old, 6' 9" erstwhile guard, Johnson. Giggling. The 76ers found his performance—42 points, 15 rebounds, seven assists—anything but amusing. Thanks to his all-court play, the Lakers won the game 123-107 and the NBA title on a night they were minus the services of the most commanding player in the game. "Amazing," said Erving, "just amazing." ■

During a season of high drama, the fans supplied the comic relief



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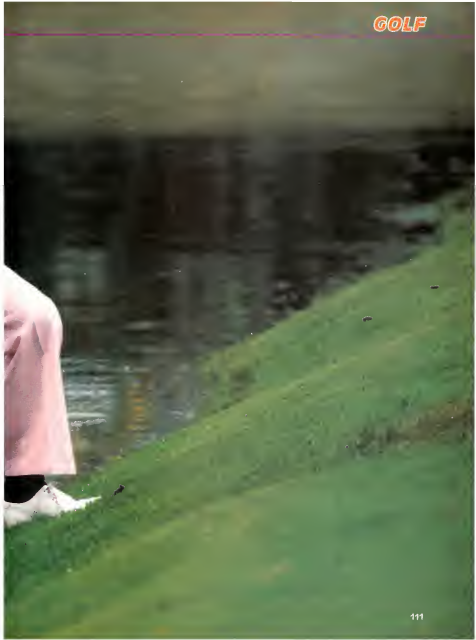
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A FAMED OLDIE WAS GOLDEN ONCE AGAIN

After going two years without a tour victory, 40-year-old Jack Nicklaus closed out the U.S. Open with a record 272 and then won the PGA by an unprecedented seven-stroke margin to increase his record string of majors to 19. Seve Ballesteros won the Masters, the K.C. Croesus, Tom Watson, took his third British Open, and another familiar fella, Lee Trevino, won the Vardon Trophy with an average of 69.73 strokes a round. Watson was the leading money winner for the fourth consecutive year, with another record-breaking sum: \$530,808. Normally punctual, Ballesteros was tardy for a tee time at the Open and was disqualified. The bright new star of women's golf, Beth Daniel, won the World Series, earned a women's-record \$231,000 and was the Player of the Year. ■

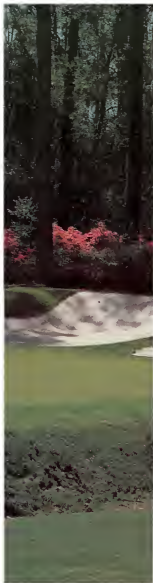
Lon Hinkle threatened in the U.S. Open but couldn't seem to land his best haymaker



Vintage Moccasinian grit was evident at the Open.

Augusta's azalean beauty was lost on Hole 13 as he concentrated on a putt at the 13th.





Player of the Year Watson cracked the \$500,000 barrier but was stymied at Augusta.



The reign of Spain: at 25, Ballesteros became the youngest Masters winner

Islander Duane Sutter beats Flyer Goalie Pete Peeters in the Stanley Cup finale.





HARK—THE DAWNING OF A NEW ICE AGE

In the NHL's first 21-team season—Edmonton, Hartford, Quebec and Winnipeg were added from the defunct WHA—axioms began to go by the boards. Junior competition is a must for anyone interested in a pro career. Not necessarily: 43 of the 210 players picked in the 1980 draft came out of college hockey. The NHL is for Canadians only. Ah, but 65 of the league's 500 players—an unheard-of 13%—were born in the U.S. Montreal always wins the Stanley Cup. On the contrary, the Canadiens were bumped in the quarterfinals. With 1:26 to play in the final game at Montreal's Forum, Minnesota's Al MacAdam tapped in a rebound to eliminate the Canadiens, who had won four consecutive titles. No fewer than six North Stars were from the U.S. It was fitting that one of the best of the U.S. Olympians, Defenseman Ken Morrow, contributed to the New York Islanders' upset of Philadelphia in the Stanley Cup finals.

The expansion Islanders, who joined the league in 1972-73, had established a reputation for choking in the playoffs. Sure enough, after beating the Flyers in three of the first five games and taking a 4-2 lead in the sixth, the Islanders went into a defensive shell and allowed two third-period goals. Now, it was feared, they would lose in overtime, drop the seventh game in Philadelphia and reinforce their wretched claim to fame. Instead, New York's Bob Nystrom scored at 7:11 of the overtime and the Islanders were chokers no more. One of their erstwhile playoff busts, Bryan Trottier, set a point-scoring record (29) and was Stanley Cup MVP.

There were other indications of a new order. Edmonton's Wayne (The Great) Gretzky, 19, tied Los Angeles' Marcel Dionne for the scoring title with 137 points (Dionne was awarded the Art Ross Trophy because he'd scored two more goals than Gretzky). The Vezina Trophy went to Buffalo's Don Edwards and Bob Sauve, with a combined 2.51 goals-against average. Hartford's incomparable Gordie Howe, 52, retired after playing in an unprecedented five decades and amassing a record 2,366 points. The No. 3 scorer in pro hockey history, Chicago's 41-year-old Bobby Hull (1,808), also played his final season. ■

Gretzky, with 51 goals, was the finest NHL teen-ager since Bobby Orr.



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BJORN AGAIN, YES, BUT HOW 'BOUT JOHN?

Borg vs. McEnroe is building into one of the greatest matchups in tennis history. In July, Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe played the best of Wimbledon's 94 finals. The highlight was a fourth-set tiebreaker, in which McEnroe denied Borg five championship points before winning the 22-minute thriller 18-16. Though badly shaken—"I'm going to lose," he'd thought at the end of the tiebreaker—Borg settled down to win the fifth set 8-6 and the match. Two months later it was McEnroe's turn to settle down, as he successfully defended his U.S. Open title after blowing a two-set lead to Borg in the finals. Other cool customers were Ivan Lendl, 20, who led Czechoslovakia to its first Davis Cup championship, and Evonne Goolagong Cawley, winner at Wimbledon. ■

Borg made history by winning his fifth straight Wimbledon and fifth French titles, but he's still without a U.S. Open.



Jimmy Connors, the WCT idol, failed to reach a





Grand Slam final for the second year in a row



The McEnroe dichotomy: they loved him as a Wimbledon loser, hated him as a U.S. Open winner



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AMERICA'S CUP



OH WHY DO THEY KEEP ON COMING BACK?

Evidently the more elusive the America's Cup becomes, the more desirable it is to foreign challengers. In 1980 yachts from Australia, Great Britain, France and Sweden fought tooth and sail for the honor of being potential victim 24 in 24 defenses dating back to 1870. That dubious prize fell to *Australia*, which was defeated four races to one by the home side's *Freedom*, despite an innovative mast that increased the Aussies' sail area. The picture below indicates why the quest was futile: a 13-month series of sparring matches between *Freedom* and her stablemate, *Enterprise*, provided training of a duration and quality unmatched by any challenger's, and *Freedom* still had to beat *Courageous* and *Clipper* in slam-bang trials to select the defender.



The Cup safe again, Freedom's crew takes the traditional dip at dockside in Newport.



Enterprise gave defender Freedom 250 days and 10,000 miles worth of competition in practice.

Australia's bendy mast won a race, but another war was lost.



THE CHALLENGER WENT DOWN (UNDER) AGAIN

Things were getting serious. Australia had become the first challenger to win an America's Cup race in 10 years, evening the best-of-seven series at one-all, and as the third race unfolded it looked as if the U.S. defender should be renamed *Anarchy*. *Freedom's* deck was beginning to resemble an Abbott and Costello travesty. After she took a 45-second lead at the first mark, her spinnaker came apart. On the second windward leg her jib split from luff to leech. A wave washed across *Freedom's* deck on the next leg, fouling a spinnaker that had been readied for hoisting. Then the spinnaker halyard was mistakenly hooked up inside the topping lift; as a result, the spinnaker wrapped itself around the headstay.

How did all this affect Dennis Conner, *Freedom's* 38-year-old skipper? During the confusion, he spoke just twice. By staying calm, Conner did more than keep his yacht on course: he won by 53 seconds.

There were no more close calls. *Freedom* triumphed in each of the last two races by more than three minutes to lay claim to being one of the great defenders. Certainly she was the best prepared. In the summer's Cup Trials she had won 43 of 47 races from the 1977 defender, Ted Turner's *Courageous*, and the upstart *Cipper*, a new design that utilized the keel and gear of Ted Hood's 1977 contender, *Independence*. *Freedom*, designed by the America's Cup master Olin Stephens, had been in the water since May 1979 for exhaustive sparring sessions with Stephens' 1977-model *Enterprise*, a very fast boat in its own right. The *Freedom* campaign cost more than \$2 million.

Australia emerged the winner of a runoff among the foreign challengers, which included France's *France 3*, Britain's *Lionheart* and Sweden's *Sverige*. Dressed from head to toe in white, Baron Marcel Bich, the 66-year-old French ballpoint-pen magnate who had made his fourth try for the Auld Mug, pinched his nose and jumped into Newport Harbor to mark his formal departure from Cup competition. The Aussies? They'll be back in '83, mate. And they'll return, promised syndicate head Alan Bond, "a little older, a little wiser and, hopefully, a little faster." ■

Aias for the Aussies, the Cup was not a case of man's up over matter.





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COMMOTION OVER A PAIR OF SURRENDERS

The shocks reverberate still. The most voluble athlete of his time, Muhammad Ali, lost his bid for a fourth world heavyweight title in utter silence, failing to come out for the 11th round against Larry Holmes. The most punishing fighter of the era, Roberto Duran, handed the welterweight championship back to Sugar Ray Leonard—surrendering in the eighth round with, of all things, a stomachache. A less noted, but equally mystifying result occurred when John Tate defended his WBA heavyweight crown. He was easing through the 15th round with a sizable lead over Mike (Hercules) Weaver when, with 45 seconds left, Weaver threw a demonic left hook, followed by a right cross (below). Thus was Tate separated from both his senses and his title.



In what was supposedly a mere tune up for a Tate-Al title bout, Weaver spoiled Big John's plans and ruined his Knoxville homecoming by sweeping him off his feet in the final round.





Fiercely silenced by Father Time, the 38-year-old Ali was a human punching bag for Holmes. After Round 1 Ali thought, "Oh, God, I still have 14 to go!"



Britain's Minter made a bloody mess of Antuoforno (above); Duran taunted Leonard, and beat him, in an \$11.5 million bout in Montreal.





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The 18i Sportswagon silhouette is notably slippery. A wide front modesty panel—more discreet than add-on air dams—encourages turbulence to slide beneath the 18i. Slip stream styling effects promote excellent fuel efficiency* as the wagon carves the air.

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Seconds after Hagler's prayers were answered, a disappointed London crowd pelted the ring with beer bottles

Minter won a short-lived title by hanging in tough against Arcufermo



Battered all night by Weaver, Coetzee was finally counted out of the heavyweight championship picture at 1:49 of the 13th.





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DELIGHT AND DISASTER IN THE RING

Too Tall Jones, finding boxing wasn't a waltz, returned to pro football.



It was a watershed year for boxing. With Ali and former lightweight and welterweight champion Duran in disgrace, the fight game could've slipped in popularity. But, no, it rarely was healthier. Or livelier. WBC heavyweight champ Larry Holmes successfully defended his title four times, and the WBA's Mike Weaver demonstrated his worth by knocking out South Africa's Gerrie Coetzee. And just for good measure, promising Gerry Cooney—24-0 at age 24—was waiting in the wings. There was even more interest in the lower divisions. Duran's odd surrender obscured an earlier Leonard-Duran fight—the extraordinary Brawl in Montreal—in which Roberto won the WBC welterweight title from Sugar Ray on a close decision. Tommy Hearn punched his way to the WBA welterweight championship with a savage second-round knockout of Pepino Cuevas. And by climbing to the top of their division, Matthew Saad Muhammad (WBC champion) and Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (WBA) brought depth and competition to the light-heavyweight class.

Visiting British fans sang joyous pub songs in Las Vegas when Alan Minter relieved Vito Antuofermo of the undisputed world middleweight title and then turned ugly back home when Marvin Hagler left Minter bloodied and beaten in the third round. And ringing through Glasgow was "O, Flower of Scotland," a patriotic ballad sung in honor of WBC lightweight champion Jim Watt, who dethroned Howard Davis of Glen Cove, N.Y. ABC put up \$450,000 to televise two bouts involving WBC featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez. A few years ago, TV spending on boxing was featherweight indeed.

After boxers Willie Classen, Cleveland Denny and Johnny Owens died of brain injuries suffered in the ring, commissions were investigating antiquated regulations, sloppy medical practices, inept licensing and incompetent referees. New York State Athletic Commissioner Jack Prendergill called for the creation of a national federation to implement uniform licensing, judging and medical procedures and gather information on fighters by means of a computerized record-keeping system. ■

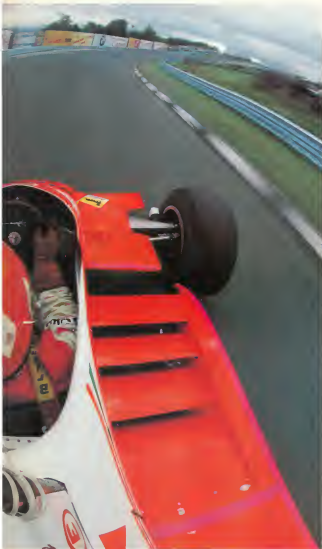
GALLERY



There was no stopping the runners—or the crowds—at the New York Marathon.



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For backseat drivers: Bruno Giacomelli and his Alfa Romeo on a practice run at Watkins Glen.

12,13—John Iacono; 14,15—Jerry Wachtler (left), John Iacono (top center), Richard Mackson (top right), Walter Ioss Jr.; 16—Heinz Klutmeier; 17—John Iacono (top), George Tiedemann; 18,19—(clockwise from top left) Walter Ioss Jr., Richard Mackson, Andy Hayt, Walter Ioss Jr., John Iacono, Jerry Wachtler; 20—John Iacono; 22,23—Peter Read Miller; 24,25—Rich Clarkson (left), Andy Hayt (top), Richard Mackson; 26,27—(clockwise from top left) Andy Hayt (2), George Tiedemann, Heinz Klutmeier, Andy Hayt; 28—Rich Clarkson; 32,33—John Iacono; 34—Walter Ioss Jr. (top), Heinz Klutmeier; 35—Walter Ioss Jr. (top), Heinz Klutmeier (2); 36,37—Richard Mackson (top left), John Iacono (bottom left), Ronald C. Modra (2); 38,39—(clockwise from top left) Walter Ioss Jr., Heinz Klutmeier, Fred Kaplan, Dan Balotti, Heinz Klutmeier; 42,43—Jerry Cooke; 44,45—Jerry Cooke (left), Heinz Klutmeier (bottom right center), Rich Clarkson (3); 46,47—Bill Eppridge; 48—Heinz Klutmeier (bottom right), Andy Hayt (2); 50—Andy Hayt; 52,53—Jerry Cooke; 54—John McDermott; 58,59—Andy Hayt; 60, 61—Rich Clarkson (left), Manny Milian (top), George Tiedemann (top right), Andy Hayt (3); 64—Andy Hayt; 66,67—Rich Clarkson; 68—Richard Mackson; 69—Walter Ioss Jr.; 72, 74—Ronald C. Modra; 84,85—John Iacono; 86,87—Heinz Klutmeier (left), Manny Milian; 88—Manny Milian (left), Andy Hayt (top right), Rich Clarkson; 92,94—Richard Mackson; 96,98—Manny Milian; 100—Peter Read Miller (top), Manny Milian; 101—Manny Milian; 102—John Iacono (top left), Carl Skalak Jr. (2); 106—Tony Trlois; 108—Walter Ioss Jr.; 110-111—George Tiedemann; 112-113—Dan Balotti (left), John D. Hanson (left center), George Tiedemann (top right), Manny Milian (2); 114-115—Bill Eppridge; 116—Paul Kennedy; 118,119—Walter Ioss Jr.; 120, 121—Manny Milian (top), Tony Duffy (left), Walter Ioss Jr.; 122—Manny Milian (top), Tony Duffy (2); 123—Tony Duffy; 126-130—Eric Schweikardt; 132-133—Tony Trlois-ASC; 134, 135—John Iacono; 136—John Iacono (bottom left), Manny Milian (2); 138—Steve Powell (top left), John Iacono (2); 140—John Iacono; 142, 143—Walter Ioss Jr.; 144—Chet Jozerske; 146—Heinz Klutmeier; 148—John Iacono; 150—Heinz Klutmeier.

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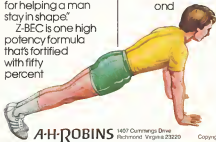
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